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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 6530.0170-05

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Juergen KORTENBACH )  
Application. No.: 10/612,005 ) Group Art Unit: 3734  
Filed: July 3, 2003 ) Examiner: D. Yabut  
For: FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL ) Confirmation No.: 3367  
INSTRUMENT FOR INVAGINATION )  
AND FUNDOPLICATION )

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006, the period for reply having been extended to July 5, 2006 (since July 4, 2006 is a holiday), by a Petition for a one-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.